MR. K. C. CHANDI (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to consider the question of giving stipends to deserving students in grant-in-aid Ayurveda schools also?

MR. P. VISVANATHA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): No; it has been answered already.

Powers of appointment of officers of the Public Works Department.

415. MR. K. KRISHNAN NAYAR (*Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the powers of appointments of the Division Officers and Sub-Division Officers of the Public Works Department;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that they are not allowed to exercise their powers, and, if so, why; and

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the Chief Engineer is filling up all the vacancies in the permanent establishment except those of the peons?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Division Officers are competent to make appointments on a pay not exceeding Rs. 50 per mensem in the sanctioned establishment of the Divisions, whether permanent or temporary, excepting Sub-Overseers and Assistant Draftsmen. They can also make appointments in the Works Establishment on a pay not exceeding Rs. 50 per mensem.

The Sub-Division Officers are competent to make appointments in the sanctioned posts in the Sub-Divisions, whether permanent, temporary or in the Works Establishment, the pay or maximum pay of which does not exceed Rs. 35 per mensem.

(*b*) No. But for the filling up of the permanent vacancies arising in the clerical branch of the P. W. D., the Division Officers and Sub-Division Officers cannot properly exercise their powers as they have no correct and up-to-date classified list of the ministerial staff of the whole Department for their guidance. This is being made up-to-date for circulation to the officers concerned. It can be completed, however, and issued only on withdrawal of Government orders prohibiting permanent appointments pending retrenchment of expenditure in this Department. Till then, all the permanent vacancies arising in the Department have to be dealt with in the Chief Engineer's Office so that the claims of all the persons working in the various offices of the Department may be considered.

(*c*) *Vide* answer to part (*b*).

Remuneration to the Curator for the Publication of Malayalam Manuscripts.

416. MR. K. KRISHNAN NAYAR (*Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the names of the Malayalam Curators before the amalgamation of the Malayalam Curator's office with that of the Sanskrit Curator;

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